

HOUSE BILL 3845
By Rowland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
relative to community and retail pharmacy
dispensing costs and the TennCare program, and
to enact the "TennCare Pharmacy Cost to
Dispense Act of 2006".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "TennCare Pharmacy
Cost to Dispense Act of 2006".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1013, is hereby amended by
adding the following subsection:

(f) The bureau of TennCare shall be required to competitively procure an annual
study designed to accurately assess the cost of dispensing a prescription in a retail or
community pharmacy setting to a TennCare enrollee. The study must be performed by
one of the accredited colleges or universities of pharmacy in the state of Tennessee and
must include all nationally recognized and accepted parameters of a typical "cost to
dispense" study. Additional parameters may be added by the researchers awarded the
study contract in order to accurately reflect the nature of pharmacy practice in the
TennCare preferred drug list environment. The study shall include retrospective
analyses designed to provide a current estimation of the cost to dispense, and the
contracted researchers shall report their findings to the TennCare legislative oversight
committee, the commissioner of finance and administration and the bureau of TennCare
on or before January 15 of each calendar year, beginning on January 15, 2007.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.